

**Electric Utilities Task Group**  
**Monday, May 20, 2013**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**12:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn, and John Warfel. Also present were Town Manager Nancy Dodge, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Council Member Sean McGarry, Dave Millikin of BIPCO, Bryan Wilson of Deepwater Wind, Evan Coleman of Clear Energy and to record the minutes, Millie McGinnes. EUTG member Everett Shorey was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

**Public Input** – There was no public input given.

**Approve minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting.**

Minutes were approved in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Warfel)

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Shorey)

**Deepwater Decommissioning Plan Review**

Town Manager Nancy Dodge reported that Stanley White Engineering will submit their report regarding the review of the Deepwater decommissioning plan and present to the Town Council on either June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. She noted that no CRMC hearings regarding the plan have been scheduled yet.

**Deepwater Update**

Bryan Wilson of Deepwater Wind reported the following:

- Discussions have resumed with the Town of Narragansett and Deepwater has committed to burying the transmission lines in Narragansett.
- The DEM has concluded their meetings regarding the project.
- The CRMC application fee of \$600,000 has been paid.

**Solar RFP**

The draft of the solar RFP was briefly reviewed. It was suggested that each member review and send edits to Mr. Shorey by next Monday. A special meeting to address this item was scheduled for May 29, 2013.

**Discussion of BIPco Fuel Use**

Evan Coleman of Clear Energy made a presentation regarding supplying BIPCo with liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a fuel augmentation. He explained that his company and BIPCo were flushing out a contract to begin 2014 to provide, deliver, store and supply operational equipment for LNG use to blend 50/50 with diesel. Discussion ensued regarding permitting process, environmental concerns (fracking), contract specifics and safety issues.

Clear Energy will provide some supplemental information and the item will be addressed at the June 17, 2014 meeting.

**Discussion of Creation of Electric Utility Co-op**

Mr. Penn suggested pursuing legislation to create a utility district, using Pascoag as a model. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Penn moved to send a memo to the Town Council recommending they take action to create a Block Island Electric Utility District. Mr. Warfel seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Warfel)      Nays 0      Absent 1 (Shorey)

**Discussion of Block Island Participation in Statewide Energy Programs**

Ms. Dodge explained that Town Solicitor Merolla will talk to the EDC to determine the process for verifying whether Block Island can become eligible for RI renewable energy funds.

For next agenda:

- Negotiations with BIPCo regarding net metering policy.
- BIPCo electric distribution system upgrades.

**Next meeting: June 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**

At 2:15 p.m. a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by John Warfel to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Millie McGinnes